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We continue to be blessed with new candidates and community celebrations, which you can read about in this month's newsletter. As May is the month of Mary in the Church, we offer you some reflections for your prayer. You can also read about our NEW Peace Vocations YouTube channel. So much good news to share with you!

May you find time in solitude for prayer and reflection to deepen your relationship with God as you discern your next steps in life.

Peace and Blessings,

Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP; Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen, OP; Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP; Mary Ellen George, OPA

Mission for Peace



MISSION FOR PEACE

Single Catholic women
18-45 years old
June 22 - 27, 2022
Wichita and Great Bend, KS

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After two years of virtual and hybrid programming during the pandemic, the Dominican Sisters of Peace joyfully announce that we will have an IN PERSON five-day Mission for Peace event from June 22 to June 27. This event will start on Wednesday afternoon around 2pm, June 22, in Wichita, Kansas, and end on Sunday evening, June 26, in Great Bend, Kansas. Then, on Monday, June 27 the group will drive back to Wichita where participants will depart for their intended destinations. Great Bend is about a two-hour drive from Wichita.

At a Mission for Peace event, you will join with our Sisters and other discerning women to pray, work, play and build community. In this five-day event, we will have time for theological reflection on the experience of service, community and prayer and

presentations on mission and ministry from our sisters. We will create a community together through our services, faith sharing, and exploration of religious life within an atmosphere of peace, respect, joy, and prayerfulness. [Read more.](#)



New Candidates Move into House of Welcome

This month, we are blessed to welcome two new Candidates to our New Haven House of Welcome. Arriving first, was [Shingai Chigwedere](#) who came to us from Indianapolis, IN. Seven days later, [Paula Danforth](#) arrived from Benson, VT. Both women are entering Candidacy, the first stage of formation with our congregation on their way to becoming Dominican Sisters of Peace.

The House of Welcome is an intentional community of Sisters where the new members can be immersed in our life, mentored by perpetually professed members, and experience an intergenerational and intercultural community as they continue to discern their call to religious life.

As you can see from the pictures, they've settled right into community and have even gone on a community trip to the hardware store.



200th Anniversary

This year marks the 200th Anniversary of Dominican Women Religious in the United States.

Click [here](#) for a video of the opening prayer service held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from the historic Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Springfield, Kentucky. Click [here](#) to bookmark the special website for anniversary news and happenings for the coming year.



Honoring Mary

During this month we celebrated Mother's Day. Mary is our heavenly Mother.

We would like to offer you a few ways you can pray *to* Mary and *with* Mary in your mind and heart. Click [here](#) to read more.



Reflections on the Camino

Pilgrimage: A journey undertaken to a holy place.

For me, to walk the Via Portugues route of the Camino de Santiago was a dream come true. We planned for three years to go on this pilgrimage, which had been delayed two times by the pandemic. Three of us, Sr. Ana Gonzalez, Sr. Barbara Kane, and I walked the 124K from Valenca, Portugal to Santiago de Compostela, Spain over eight days earlier this month. El Camino de Santiago is one of the oldest pilgrimage routes in Europe and it attracts hundreds of thousands of people each year, who walk one or more of the seven distinct routes that all end in Santiago. [Read more.](#)



Peace Vocations YouTube Channel

Yes! We have a customized YouTube channel designed just for you, our discerners! All of the nearly 70 videos are about vocation-related themes, organized into eight playlists, on how to discern God's call, on ceremonies of women entering various stages of formation, and on what a Come & See Retreat looks like, and more.

Click [here](#) to access our Peace Vocations YouTube Channel.

"BE YOU" the beginning of our new journey



Collaborative Dominican Novitiate

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Want to know what our novices at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate in Chicago are thinking about these days?

Click [here](#) to read Sr. Cathy Buchanan's reflection of her experience at the congregation's Third General Chapter and Sr. Tram Bui's reflection of Mother Earth and "the constant faithfulness of God's love."



Video of the Month

In this month's featured [video](#), Sr. Jane Belanger, OP, explains how Dominicans care for creation. Her talk was one of seven presentations given during our virtual 2020 Mission for Peace program. You can view the other presentations that Sisters gave about their ministries by clicking [here](#). These ministries ranged from mission work in Nigeria and at the Texas-Mexico border to working with Catholic Native Americans to a ministry of presence.



Ask a Sister

**What is the vow of poverty?
Do you feel deprived living in poverty?**

Not at all! Taking a vow of poverty does not mean we are without food or clothing - or even without recreation, like travel, the arts, and books.

We do live simply and in solidarity with the poor. We purposefully live unattached to “things” to create more resources and energy to serve the People of God. The vow of poverty calls us to be good stewards of our resources and to love, respect, and care for God’s creation.

The spirit of this vow reminds us of our interdependence on God and each other.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is one of the foundations of our life and we invite you to share your prayer requests with us. Please send them to vocations@oppeace.org. Please also keep us, our congregation, and your fellow discerners in prayer.



The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. You can listen to and watch this month’s message [here](#).

Learn more about us via our website at www.oppeace.org or check us out on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

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